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National Intelligence Officers

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8 November 1977

MEMORANDUM FOR: Director of Central Intelligence

FROM: Director, National Foreign Assessment Center

SUBJECT: PRM-10 Follow-on Studies

REFERENCE: DCI Memorandum for Record, Conversation with Secretary Brown 1 November 1977, TS 770238, dated 2 November 1977

1. Action Requested: That you consider what the DCI role should be in the intelligence aspects of the "PRM-10 follow-on studies" described below.

2. Background:

a. In your Memorandum for Record dated 2 November 1977, referenced above, you reported that Secretary Brown requested your assistance in a sub-study of PRM-10 on targeting the secure reserve force. The study to which he referred is apparently the "Secure Reserve Forces Target Acquisition Study" listed below, one of five which resulted from PRM-10 and Presidential Decision-18, US National Strategy, dated 24 August 1977. (PD-18 is enclosed.)

b. [REDACTED] the Defense Intelligence Officer for Strategic Forces and SALT, has informed [REDACTED] that the Secretary of Defense was requested in a memorandum from Dr. Brzezinski (copy not available) to undertake the five studies listed below, which are referred to in the OSD as "PRM-10 follow-on studies." The study chairmen designated by Secretary Brown are also shown.

--Naval Force Planning Study (Secretary of the Navy Clayton)

--Future of the Triad/Hard Target Kill Requirements (Dr. Murray, DDR&E/OSD)

--Secure Reserve Forces Target Acquisition Study (Admiral Murphy, DPR/OSD)

--Sustainability Study (concerning NATO forces) (Lynn Davis, ISA/OSD)

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--Strategic Targeting (covering damage criteria) (Dr. Slocombe, ISA/OSD)

25X1A c. According to [REDACTED] the OSD will rely on intelligence
support from DIA in conducting the studies. However, DCI representation
25X1A has been requested for the "Secure Reserve Forces Target Acquisition
Study." [REDACTED] A/NIO/SP has been designated as the DCI repre-
sentative. The Terms of Reference for the study have not been received,
however. Appropriate IC Staff offices have been advised that their
25X1A participation may be required in the reconnaissance aspects of the
study. [REDACTED] will be the IC Staff Action Officer on the study.

d. Although the five PRM follow-on studies are clearly intended as inputs to Presidential decisions on US forces and nuclear weapon employment policies, DCI representation has been requested on only one of them. While intelligence inputs for these studies need not be interagency products, I believe, that some time before the studies are finalized the DCI (and by extension the NFAC) should be given the opportunity to review and comment on the intelligence judgments and estimates on which the findings of the studies will be based.

3. Recommendation: That you express to Secretary Brown at the next opportunity, your interest in reviewing and commenting upon the intelligence inputs to all five of the "PRM follow-on studies."

/s/
Robert R. Bowie

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